GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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ASSISTANCE FOR MAINTENANCE OF CANALS IN BIHAR
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Bihar has sought any assistance for repair and maintenance of various canals of major and medium irrigation projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any lack of adequate irrigation facilities in the State; and

(d) if so, the effective steps being considered by the Union Government to improve the irrigation system there?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) to (d) Water being a state subject, planning, funding, execution and maintenance of irrigation projects including repairs to canals is done by State Government themselves as per their own priorities.

The ultimate irrigation potential of Bihar (including Jharkhand) from major, medium and minor schemes has been assessed as 13.35 m. ha. out of which 8.12 m. ha. potential has been created till March 2000.